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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator:	Hughes family
Creator:	Linnell family
Creator:	Powers family
Creator:	Tupper family
Title:	Hewes Family Papers
ID:	SpC MS 1741
Date [inclusive]:	1843-1918
Physical Description:	1.5 linear feet (2 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Materials in the collection include many family letters, the diaries of two members of the family, and a few documents related to the attendance of Benjamin W. Hewes at Bowdoin College.

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Hewes Family Papers, SpC MS 1741, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Biographical Note

Benjamin Albro Hewes (1812-1892) and his wife, Martha Adeline Linnell Hewes (1812-1876) settled in central Maine around 1856. They had three children: Virginia, known as Jennie, born in 1844; Augusta, or Puss, born in 1846; and Benjamin W., or Bennie, born in 1853.

The family had been living in Massachusetts, most recently in Plymouth. The census of 1860 shows them living with Martha's brother, John, in the town of Exeter, Maine, but they later moved to Levant.

Jennie married Llewellyn Powers in 1862 and went to live in Houlton in Aroostook County. Llewellyn Powers served in the United States House of Representatives from 1877 to 1879, and as Governor of Maine from 1897 to 1901.

Puss Hewes never married. Ben W. graduated from Bowdoin College in 1875 and practiced law in Danforth in Washington County. He married Cora Tupper from Topsfield.

Mary E. (Betty) Linnell was a member of the family that lived with Jennie and Llewelyn Powers at the time of writing her diary in 1873.

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Scope and Contents

Materials in the collection include many family letters, the diaries of two members of the family, and a few documents related to Benjamin's attendance at Bowdoin College.

The majority of the letters were saved by Benjamin W. Hewes and were written to him by friends and family members including his parents, sisters, and cousins. One document served to guarantee payment of Ben's tuition at Bowdoin College and was signed by his brother-in-law, Llewellyn Powers. Ben's wife, Cora, saved a few letters written to her from mother, Phebe Tupper, and Ben's sister, Puss. One of the letters was written by Cora's aunt, I.N. Wier, to her father, Eliakim.

The vast majority of items, both letters and diaries, were transcribed prior to their donation. Brief comments have been recorded about many of the letters, noting topics that include family marriages, deaths, a trial, a murder in Levant in 1866, and a new railroad in 1871. A letter from Puss to her aunt Laura provides a detailed account of Martha's two year affliction and treatment for cancer before her death in 1876. The majority of the topics in letters, however, relate to light-hearted, day-to-day affairs.

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Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

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- Exeter (Me.) -- History
- Houlton (Me.) -- History
- Kenduskeag (Me.) -- History
- Levant (Me.) -- History
- Orono (Me.) -- History
- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Powers, Llewellyn, 1836-1908
- Hewes, Augusta "Puss", 1846-

Collection Inventory

Box 1

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter to Laura Mariah Hewes from Olivia Ann Hewes, 1843 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1843	box 1	Folder 1
Letter to "My Dear Daughter" from B.A. Hewes, December 12, 1888 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> December 12, 1888	box 1	Folder 2
Receipts, notes, B. Hewes, 1873, undated <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1873, undated	box 1	Folder 3
Poem "Hammer and Anvil," Samuel V. Cole, undated <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> undated	box 1	Folder 4
Letters to Hannah E. Clark from sister Martha and niece Augusta, 1860?-1878 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1860?-1878	box 1	Folder 5
Letters to Laura Hewes from niece Augusta, 1864-1877 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1864-1877	box 1	Folder 6
Letter to Augusta Hewes from her mother, Martha, 1869-1870? <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1869-1870?	box 1	Folder 7
Letter to Marian Macintyre from Jennie Powers, March 3, 1882 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> March 3, 1882	box 1	Folder 8
Benjamin W. Hewes-Bowdoin documents, 1871-1873 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1871-1873	box 1	Folder 9
Letters to Benjamin W. Hewes from Augusta (Puss), 1865-1866 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1865-1866	box 1	Folder 10
Letters to Benjamin W. Hewes from his parents, cousin James Linnell, sisters Jennie and Puss, and friend F. A. Powers, 1869 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1869	box 1	Folder 11
Letters to Benjamin W. Hewes from James Linnell, F.L. Robinson, cousin Jimmie, 1870 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1870	box 1	Folder 12
Letters to Benjamin W. Hewes, February-May 1871 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> February-May 1871	box 1	Folder 13
Letters to Benjamin W. Hewes, July-November 1871		

<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : July-November 1871	box 1	Folder 14
Letters to Benjamin W. Hewes from his mother, Janes Linnell, and sister Virginia (Jennie), 1872 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1872	box 1	Folder 15
Letters to Benjamin W. Hewes from mother, sister Augusta (Puss), Emma Wilson, Walter Homes, 1874-1883 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1874-1883	box 1	Folder 16
Letters to Benjamin W. Hewes with no date, from his mother and sisters, undated <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : undated	box 1	Folder 17
Letters to Cora Tupper Hewes, wife of Benjamin W. Hewes, 1882-1886 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1882-1886	box 1	Folder 18
Letter to Sister Hanner written at the request of Brother Benj. W. Hewes by Lizzie Colby, May 19, 1895 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : May 19, 1895	box 1	Folder 19
Letters to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin W. Hewes from Frederick A. Powers, 1908-1918 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1908-1918	box 1	Folder 20
Diary of Mary E. (Bettie / Betty) Linnell, partly transcribed, 1872-1873 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1872-1873	box 1	Folder 21
Diary of Augusta (Puss) Linnell Hewes, 1876-1878 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1876-1878	box 1	Folder 22

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Box 2

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Transcription of Augusta Hewes diaries	box 2	Folder 2
Donor's note pages related to the letters in the collection	box 2	Folder 3
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